

REMARKS

The Office Action mailed December 24, 2008 has been carefully considered. Within the Office Action Claims 4-8 and 40 have been rejected. In addition, Claims 1, 3, 12-20, 22, 23, 26, 27, 30, 31, 37-39, 41 and 42 have been allowed. The Applicants have amended Claims 4-8 and 40. Reconsideration in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

The 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph Rejection

Claims 4-8 and 40 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being allegedly indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the inventive subject matter. This rejection is respectfully traversed. However, to expedite prosecution, Claims 4-8 and 40 have been amended to overcome the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

It is believed that this reply places the above-identified patent application into condition for allowance. Early favorable consideration of this reply is earnestly solicited.

If, in the opinion of the Examiner, an interview would expedite the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at the number indicated below.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. Please charge any additional required fee or credit any overpayment not otherwise paid or credited to our deposit account No. 50-3557.

Respectfully submitted,

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